



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

## Nov. 2012

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**Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 4**

**OUR MISSION**  
is to share  
God's message,  
to grow in our faith,  
to love and  
serve others.

## Not losing track of important things



Pastor Dave

My wife and I were just on vacation. We had an enjoyable time. However, while we were there, Kim lost track of a jacket she had brought along. We retraced our steps looking for it and made some phone calls to places we were recently at to see if they had found a jacket. There was no article of clothing found. Kim resigned herself to the fact that she probably lost it. But to her delight, the next time we climbed into the vehicle we rented, her feet bumped into something. It was her jacket. We had glanced into the vehicle but we did not look as closely as we should have.

I wish I could say that something like this has never happened before. However, Kim and I have lost track of many things. Sometimes we have found them. Other times we have not. More tragic than losing things is that we have also lost track of some very dear and lovely people. This is one reason why I believe Thanksgiving is an important holiday for us to observe. For it helps us to not forget about the blessings that God has given to us even though we bump into them every day. This holiday also helps us to remember the wonderful family and friends we have. Just think about it. We are the recipients of many blessings. These come to us from God. He is source of everything good and great in our lives. To give Him thanks for what we have is the proper thing to do. To fail to give God credit is just wrong.

**Praise the Lord,  
O my soul,  
and forget not  
all his benefits.**

Psalm 103:2

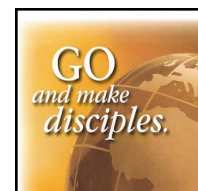
What I am so thankful about is that we have a God who has not lost track of us. We are always on His mind. He doesn't forget to supply us with our daily bread.

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**Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship Service  
7 p.m. Wednesday,  
Nov. 22**



**Stewardship and  
Mission Celebration  
Sunday Nov. 4**



On the first Sunday of November, we will hold a special celebration service. As we come to praise our God and be inspired by Him, we will see how God has entrusted us with all of our resources. Being reminded of how God does everything well for us and our salvation, you will be encouraged to wisely use the resources God has given you. As part of that service, you will have the opportunity to make a financial pledge for the 2013 ministry and mission program of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

## Not losing track of important things

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In addition to this, God also has supplied us with a Savior in His Son. Because of Jesus, we can rest assured that the only thing God will lose track of is our sin and failure. This should move us to be all the more thankful.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I pray that you will take time to stop and think about God and all the blessings He gives to you. Don't lose track of Him. Praise Him and forget not all His benefits!

*Pastor Dave*

## Thank You from Pastor Dave

On Oct. 14, Beautiful Savior marked my milestone of serving 25 years in the pastoral ministry with a short program, a wonderful brunch and fellowship time. I was deeply touched by this. The cards, gifts, thoughts and well-wishes were also greatly appreciated. As I reflected on this milestone, I remembered St. Paul's words to the Christians at Philippi (1:3-6):

**I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

May God continue to work through all of us so that the Lord may be glorified and the people we serve be blessed.

Pastor Dave

## New Member Sunday Will be Nov. 18



On the third Sunday of November, we will welcome the newer members of our congregation during all three worship services.

## Speaker Carrie Abbott In Area on Nov. 4-6

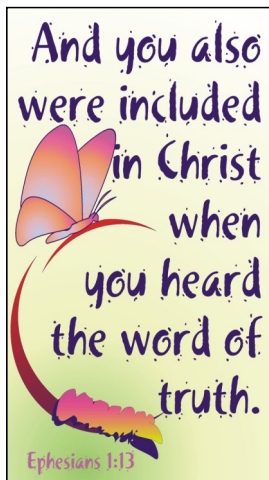
**"Sexual Integrity: The Blueprint for Healthy Families"** will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at Salem East, 1111 30th Ave. S., Moorhead. Carrie has a unique way of communicating with both students and parents on the topics of relationships and human sexuality. FirstChoice Clinic of Fargo is sponsoring this event that is free and open to anyone.

**"True Beauty: The Power of Being a Woman,"** a women's luncheon, will be at noon, Monday, Nov. 5 at Bethel Church, 2702 30th Ave. S., Fargo. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Bethel or online at [athelfc.com/carrieabbott](http://athelfc.com/carrieabbott). Seating is limited.

**"Pro-Life: What Does it Really Mean?"** will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at St. Joseph's, 218 10th St. S., Moorhead. Carrie will try to clear up the confusion about what being pro-life really means. This event is also free and sponsored by FirstChoice Clinic.

## Discovery Class (New Member Class) Mondays at 7 p.m.

Our discovery class continues to meet on Monday evenings in November to review the basic teachings of the Bible. If you are interested in attending this class, please visit with Pastor Dave.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

From 9:40-10:30 a.m.

We invite you to join us for an Adult Bible Study class in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. Each week we explore topics applicable to our faith and life. Come early for a time of fellowship.

## Tuesday Evening Bible Study on Titus

Nov. 6 & 13 at 7 p.m.

Our world today offers excesses of every variety. Yet, as Paul reveals in Titus, the basics in life and in Christian teaching are God's greatest gifts. The wholeness of the Gospel brings salvation and leads to self-controlled, joyful and meaningful living.

## LWML Cookie Walk for Missions

Let's help each other with our holiday baking this year! The LWML will hold a "Cookie Walk for Missions" on Saturday, Dec. 8. Coffee and breakfast will be available for purchase along with cookies by the dozen or by the pound. More details, including time, will be coming, but please mark your calendars to support this event, and in so doing, support missions and human care projects like food cards at Thanksgiving, gift cards at Christmas, mailing college and military gift packs, Orphanages in Kenya, Orphan Grain Train, women's and children's shelter at Standing Rock, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, FirstChoice Clinic and more. God has blessed you to be a blessing to others.



## To All BSLC Women

Calling all missionaries--and yes, that's you too. We still need more women to come and be involved in God's Word and work. The next LWML planning meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Please join us!



## LWML Fall Food Drive

It's time once again for the Fall Food Drive for Thanksgiving boxes for some of our Beautiful Savior families. Please bring non-perishable food items like cereal, soup, canned fruits, vegetables, tuna, spaghetti, etc. and boxed items like mac n cheese, pasta meals, rice, cake mix, etc. Please check that the expiration date is current. Bring all items to the table outside the sanctuary by Sunday, Nov. 18. The LWML will pack the boxes for delivery and add a gift card so the families can purchase a turkey, dairy items and produce. Thanks for your support.



## Gold Club Lunch Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14

Time to get out and enjoy a potluck with other retired members of BSLC. Come to the fellowship hall at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, with your favorite pass-around dish. It's a great way to meet and stay in contact with other BSLC members.

## Thank you from Planning Committee

A great big thank you from the planning committee for Pastor Dave's 25th and Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thanks to all who were involved in the program. It was great! The variety of egg bakes and muffins for the brunch was wonderful. Thanks to all you great cooks! Thank you to the elders and their wives who were able to help with the serving. Last, but not least, to all the people of Beautiful Savior who just stepped up on Sunday morning and helped by seating people, washing dishes, and on and on. We are so grateful to be able to honor our pastors in this way. It would never have happened without all of you. We count it as a blessing to be able to fellowship together on special occasions.

## Women's Bible Study - Your Strong Suit

Our women's Bible study continues on God's protection for His children. Our November schedule is as follows.



8:30 a.m.	5 p.m.	Lesson
<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Title</u>
Nov. 1	Nov. 5	Powers Over This Present Darkness Part 2
Nov. 8	Nov. 12	The Full Armor of God Part 1
Nov. 15	Nov. 12	The Full Armor of God Part 2
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Thanksgiving week - no class</b>
Nov. 29	Nov. 26	Truth and Righteousness Part 1

## Donate To Help Refurbish Our Chairs

Notice the difference in the two chairs out in the narthex. Instead of purchasing new chairs, it will cost about \$10 per chair to fix them. If you would like to help, just drop a check or money in the basket. There are 43 chairs, so your donations would be greatly appreciated.

## Quilting

Quilters will meet from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 1, 15 and 29. All ages are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and your sewing machine, if possible. It's a fun social event.



## Baptisms



Oct. 8 - Blake August Dahl, son of Noah Dahl and Jamie Walker, born Aug. 29, 2012. His sponsors were Judy Rolle and Catherine Dahl.

Oct. 13 - Mackenzie Rosalie Mackner, daughter of B. Michael and Brianna Breitbarth, born Jan. 19, 1998. Her sponsors were Stephanie and Chuck Beyer, Anita Hoyt, Sabrina and Jason Rodacker

Oct. 13 - Ashton Theadore Breitbarth, son of B. Michael and Brianna Breitbarth, born Feb. 17, 2002. His sponsors were Travis Ritter, Melissa French, Melanie and Jeremy Starin.

Oct. 21 - Harmonie Ann Thompson, daughter of Damian Thompson and Alysha Oberlander, born Aug. 18, 2012. His sponsors were Kenny Nelson, DeSean Thompson, Lindsay Jacobson and Ashley Brave Bull Bredeson.

Oct. 21 - Cassidy Marie Wold, daughter of Kenny and Jackie Wold, born Aug. 15, 2012. Her sponsors were Michael Wold, Marysa Sommerfeld and Stephanie Little.

## Weddings

Oct. 20 - Jeffrey Dale Alwin and Megan Lea Thielke-Skarsten



## Save Coupons and Postage Stamps

Remember only coupons that are **cut out** will be accepted. Please cut them out and put in a clear zip lock bag. Any not cut, will be thrown. We have been sending the coupons to overseas bases.

Also bring in used postage stamps - the money received for these goes to various missions. Place the postage stamps in the boxes by the LWML. Thank you.

## New Member Corner

Cam Peters is a new member at BSLC who lives in Fargo with her two cats, Candi and Sassy. She likes the size of our church and would like to become friends with all the members. She enjoys hanging out with friends, being on her computer and riding her bike. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:15 as it's such a beautiful verse.

Brent and Laurie Schmidt are new members of BSLC who live in West Fargo. They moved here from Park Rapids when Brent accepted a job in finance at CHI and Laurie, a position as a para in the ASD program at South elementary school, West Fargo. They love the worship service at Beautiful Savior. In their spare time, they like to bike, read, take long walks in the country, watch movies, visit their kids and travel. Their favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 - the promise of salvation.

Welcome, Cam, Brent and Laurie, to our church!

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone for the many birthday cards and personal greetings that made Gerry Fiechtner's 75th birthday so special. He truly enjoyed every part of the day on Sunday. Also thank you to the LWML for serving the cake, and for setting everything up. What a wonderful church family we have.



Gerry and Joan Fiechtner

## BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members continue to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo. It's for fellowship and getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age.

## Rent a Youth

Need some extra hands around the house or yard? Rent a youth! The youth at Beautiful Savior are available to help out with various tasks, including yard work, cleaning and moving assistance, among other jobs. Suggested rate is \$10 an hour per youth. All proceeds will go toward activities such as mission trips and the 2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering. To rent a youth, please call Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or 893-6995.



# What is your place in the church?

Pastor Chris Waldvogel



Is your place in the church as a worldly consumer? It seems believers increasingly view it that way. Members many times identify their church membership as a connection to earthly comforts rather than as an encounter in which God places himself in the midst of His people.

What's the danger? As worldly consumers, we shop for what we want. As worldly consumers, our eyes hone in and take refuge and solace in things that do not save – things such as fellowship time, the “programs and perks” that are offered, the building or the music style.

When we come to church as a worldly consumer, Jesus retreats to the background and church becomes about anything and everything else. Kurt Marquardt writes: “the church and her fellowship are expected to abdicate their own supernatural priorities and to make themselves useful instead as emotional support groups, competitively servicing the felt needs of autonomous individuals/consumers, who in turn, pursue their own inalienable right to self-determined self-fulfillment.”

As Lutherans, we believe the Church does not gain its power or significance from the secondary “worldly” things we tend to latch onto and think do us the most good. No, our life is hidden in Christ! Without Him, we would be lost to everlasting condemnation and suffering. But there is hope because through the gifts of the church, God seeks to give sinners what they need: the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation found only in Jesus.

Where are the gifts of the church? Jesus has promised to deliver them in very specific ways. Jesus comes to us in our baptism. In these life-giving waters, we are clothed with Christ. We receive the Holy Spirit and forgiveness of sins. We are connected to the death and life of Jesus Himself. When we gather to hear God's word in preaching and teaching, there Jesus is in our midst. As we adhere to all His words and commands, He abides with us.

Jesus Himself comes bodily in, with and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. Here, the full presence of Christ dwells -- the mercy seat and holy of holies in the New Testament. Here is Jesus coming into our midst bodily to offer forgiveness! When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we receive the very body and blood of the Lord Jesus himself.

Life together also flows from this celebration of receiving Christ's body and blood. Paul reminds us that as we connect to the Supper, we connect intimately to that church's confession, it's preaching and teaching, it's very essence of Gospel proclamation. This has profound implications as not all celebrations of the supper confess the same thing. Some say it's a memorial meal, others a sacrifice we make to God. Here are where distinctions go deepest – not in those things that are seen, but in those things that are unseen. How can we approach church from the perspective of a worldly consumer?

As we see ourselves as worldly consumers in the church, we also neglect the power of the Gospel. Grounded in the forgiveness of sins made in the intimate connection of the gifts of the church, God changes us. Now completely new in Jesus, now receiving the fullness of His gifts, our faith springs forth as we live our God-given vocations as church members. It is here we can't help but bear one another's burdens, pray for one another, support one another through tithes and offerings and take up various positions within the church to serve as Christ served.

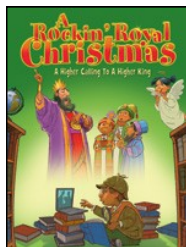
Make no mistake, these things do not make the church. They do not define it. They flow from the very living God present and active in our midst. Marquardt again: “The living God himself confronts and deals with us in His holy Word and sacraments ... he comes to us himself, together to be sure with ‘angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven.’ ... By the holy mysteries of His saving Gospel, the Trinity of Persons in the unity of substance draws us into a personal communion so intimate and sublime as to surpass all human understanding. The church is “the brotherhood,” (1 Peter 2:17); by virtue of the Incarnation, she is the Brotherhood of God and Man, (Matt. 12:46-50; John 20:17; Heb. 2:11-17).”

What is your place in the church? Your place is as a redeemed child of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. Your place is to be connected and tied by God's gifts to the eternal comforts of God in Jesus Christ -- not the comforts of this world in everything else.

*Pastor Chris*

## A Rockin' Royal Christmas Practice

Practice will start in November for our third– sixth grade Christmas program. All practices will be on Saturday afternoons. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.



♦ Nov. 3	2-3 p.m.	Fantastic Five
	3-4 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
♦ Nov. 10	2-3 p.m.	Fantastic Five
	3-4 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
♦ Nov. 17	2-3 p.m.	Fantastic Five
	3-4 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
♦ Nov. 24	No Practice	Happy Thanksgiving!
♦ Dec. 1	2-3 p.m.	Sweet Seventeen
	3-4 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
♦ Dec. 8	2-3 p.m.	Sweet Seventeen
	3-4 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
♦ Dec. 15	2-4:30 p.m.	All third-sixth graders
		<b>Dress rehearsal</b>
	4:30-5 p.m.	Pizza party
♦ Dec. 16	10 a.m.	All third-sixth graders for Practice and Warm up
	10:45 a.m.	<b>Program</b>

### Fantastic Five

1. Lucas Doeling
2. Jaida Croaker
3. Paige McArthur
4. Reagan Weitnauer
5. Allison Gaber

### Sweet Seventeen

Fantastic Five plus:

6. Blaine Triepke
7. Joren Palmer

8. Dani Hjelden
9. Lexi Doeling
10. Chloe Thompson
11. Sam Steinke
12. Carter Hoerer
13. Nate Krause
14. Quinn Gehler
15. Elizabeth Krause
16. Bennett Persoon
17. Abby Tykwinski

## Pre-school through Second Grade Christmas Program



The Christmas program for our pre-school to second-grade students will be at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. Details for the program are still being worked on so please watch your weekly announcements for practice times and days.

## Grace Lutheran School News

### Christmas Musical

This year the students of Grace Lutheran School will present "The Case of the Maltese Manger" at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14. Join us for this "film noir" Christmas musical as private eye Bobby Angel uncovers the mystery of the town's missing manger and learns the true meaning of Christmas in the process. Written and directed by our very own Mr. Jay Schaefer, it is in the style of a 1940's radio drama with musical styles ranging from vaudeville to big band swing. Hope to see you there! For those who don't want to come out at night, please join us for the 1:30 p.m. dress rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 13!



### Christmas Boutique

Christmas Boutique is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 17. More than 25 vendors will be there. Lunch will also be available.

### GLS Auction Update

March 23, 2013, is the date for the annual auction at the Ramada Plaza Suites. Any church members who would like to be part of planning this fabulous event or who would like to help with our donations team, finance team, facilities team, or baskets team, please talk to Principal Jean Syverson. You can also make a donation of new or antique items or a monetary donation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### Upcoming Dates

Nov. 6 and 8	Parent-teacher Conferences
Nov. 13-16	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 14	Very Important Persons Day
Nov. 15	Faculty Meeting
Nov. 17	Christmas Boutique
Nov. 19	PTL Meeting
Nov. 21-23	No School-Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 13	Christmas Musical
Dec. 20-Jan. 1	No School-Christmas Vacation

### Marketing Position is Open

The school is looking for a part-time marketing person. Call the school at 232-7747 for more information.

## Advent Fun Shop "Family Traditions"

All families are invited to the Advent Fun Shop "Family Traditions" from 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. This year will be a family project of making Jesse Tree ornaments to go along with a set of family devotions to use during Advent. All ages are invited to participate so bring your whole family for a fun afternoon! \$8 per family pays for the entire ornament kit and devotions to go with it. Bring a dozen Christmas cookies or treats to share. There will be cider available to drink.

We also need five volunteers to help with sign in, serving treats and assisting families with very young children. Please email [rjakrause@yahoo.com](mailto:rjakrause@yahoo.com) if you would like to help out. You can also talk to Jennifer Krause or Bobbi Hestdalen to volunteer or if you have any questions.



## Youth Praise Band

Hey sixth- to twelfth-graders! Do you play an instrument or love to sing? The Youth Praise Band would love to have you join us. Practices are at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



## November Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities



**Wednesday, Nov. 7** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Nov. 14** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Nov. 21** – No youth group; Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 28** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Sunday, Nov. 11 – Junior High Game Night.** All those in sixth- through eighth-grade and their families are invited for a potluck dinner and family game night from 4-6:30 p.m. at church. Bring your favorite board game for a night of fun and fellowship. See Pastor Chris for more information.

**Friday, Nov. 30, to Saturday, Dec. 1 – Senior High Zone Lock-In.** All those in high school are invited for a lock-in from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 Broadway. The evening will include games, food, Bible studies, dart tag and a variety of activities. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible.



### Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events



**Saturday, Nov. 10 – Pizza Corner Fund-raiser.** All youth older than 14 and their families can make money toward future mission trips, servant events and the National Youth Gathering by serving at Pizza Corner in Valley City. Our shift will be from 2-8 p.m. We will meet at church around 1 p.m. to carpool. For more information, please call Pastor Chris.

**Ongoing snack service at Homeless Shelter** -- Jesus calls us to have mercy on those suffering around us, and Beautiful Savior is sponsoring a unique opportunity for acts of mercy in our community. All families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. On Sunday, many community resources are closed, and hunger becomes an issue. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. Every week, we would like to provide – at minimum – one snack for the 36 residents of the shelter. If you would like to provide more in terms of a full meal, that also is encouraged. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. at the shelter or can be dropped off Sunday morning at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board located by the nursery or see Pastor Chris for more information.



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## Office Hours

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule on Sunday

8:15 and 9:30 a.m. Praise Worship  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month.

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